

FOCAL POINT

Volunteers at the core of Frisco's success

"Frisco is a city built by volunteers..." This is one of the statements almost always found in any presentation I make.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

MAYOR MAHER MASO

Frisco has grown from a small town of approximately 6,500 in 1992 (the same year my family moved here) to a thriving city of almost 103,000 today. We have gone through many changes and phases in our growth; however, a couple things remaining constant are the time and effort our citizens dedicate, voluntarily, to making Frisco a great community.

A quote I read once, attributed to Sherry Anderson, states "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless". I could not agree with this more! It's something I see on a daily basis in Frisco. Our volunteers are priceless, and I can't even begin to list the ways they have made a difference in our community. Whether our citizen volunteers are serving on one of our city's many boards or working for one of our special events, such as Frisco Freedom Fest or Merry Main Street, they help us create one of the best communities to live in.

Volunteer firefighters support our Frisco Fire Department and volunteers provide "Helping Hands" at Frisco Fire Safety Town. We have volunteers patrolling our neighborhoods as part of the Citizens on Patrol (COPs) Program. Volunteers make up our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). You will find volunteers picking up trash, assisting seniors at the Senior Center @ Frisco Square or helping daddies and daughters at our city's annual dances. Volunteers make up the Heritage Association of Frisco, which works with our Public Library staff at the Frisco Heritage Museum. I could really go on for some time, but I think you get the idea.

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Slow economy has patrons finding big value in Frisco Public Library services

BY DARCY SCHROER

Signs of tough economic times are easy to spot these days. Most only have to look to their own families and friends to see the impact of proverbial belt tightening. A telling snapshot of the current financial climate can be seen daily at the Frisco Public Library, where the seats are full at the public-use computers. Job-seekers are using the library's free resources to revive or jump-start a career.

"I'm here every weekday," explains Lisa Weaver, a Frisco resident who has made a job of job-hunting. "I spend anywhere from 25 to 35 hours a week at the library utilizing the Internet and newspapers to research job fairs and possible work opportunities."

Weaver, who lost her management-level position last fall, decided paying for Internet service at home was an unnecessary expense when she could access what she needed online for free at the library. City statistics show that Weaver is likely not alone in her

choice to cut out Internet expenses. In a recent year-to-year comparison, the Frisco Public Library saw the amount of computer users double from approximately 4,200 in February 2008 to more than 8,400 users in February 2009.

Other job-seekers and those doing social networking bring their own laptops with them, and use the fourth floor, called the adult services floor, as a work space. "It's not unusual for the library staff to go back the "Quiet Zone" on the fourth floor and find all the available seating is full," said Rachel Dalton, Adult Services Supervisor. "That kind of usage we don't get to track, but the proof is in what we are seeing everyday."

The library recently added a popular display of career-building books with topics from resume writing to improving interviewing skills. "I think one staff member had filled it before we opened at 10 a.m., and a few hours later there were only a few books left," said Dalton.

Two of the areas the library



Sign of the times... On any given weekday you can find job-seekers filling the seats in front of the Frisco Public Library's computers. Frisco resident Lisa Weaver (pictured second to left) relies on the free Internet service to help her search for a new job. Unemployed patrons are also utilizing a display on the 4th floor showcasing career-building books.

tracks closely have seen significant increases from Fiscal Year 2008 to Fiscal Year 2009. In terms of the actual number of people coming to Frisco's library, patron visits have increased by 69 percent. Frisco Public Library had more than 37,000 visits in February 2009.

Circulation, or the items checked out, also saw a huge jump year-to-year – up 104 percent. More than 88,000 items were circulated through the Frisco Public Library in February of this year.

Director of Library for the City of Frisco, Shelley Holley, will be the first to tell you that many of those circulated items are children's materials: books, videos and CDs; however, requests for "how-to" books has jumped in recent months.

"We know when people are feeling the crunch (economically) because the shift in what they ask for changes," said Holley. "How to

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Frisco adopts new water management plan

Outdoor watering restricted to two days per week during summer months

The City of Frisco has new, mandatory water restrictions for summer months which emphasize watering efficiently and reducing waste. On Tuesday, April 7, the Frisco City Council approved the new Water Management Plan, which is now in effect.

This new plan encompasses a Drought Contingency Plan and a

Water Efficiency Plan. Under the new Water Efficiency Plan, outdoor watering is restricted to two days per week during the summer months and is based on residents' trash and recycling service schedule and an additional, designated day. See the map on page 7 for your additional outdoor watering day.

Each year, starting with

Daylight Saving Time through June 30, two-day-per-week outdoor watering is recommended. Those restrictions become mandatory during the summer months of July, August and September. During Daylight Saving Time, the plan prohibits outdoor watering between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m. and between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. To read the complete

contents of the City of Frisco Water Management Plan, go online to friscotexas.gov/water. A summary of the plan is also provided on page 7.

Gary Hartwell, Director of Public Works, says Frisco's new, year-round Water Efficiency Plan emphasizes using water

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Two city council positions on May 9 ballot

On Saturday, May 9, Frisco's registered voters will elect two new council members to the Frisco City Council. Mayor Pro Tem Tony Felker and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Joy West are leaving the city council due to term limits.

Candidates Harold Covin and Bob Allen are running for Place 1. Candidates Pat Fallon, Hunt Reifschneider, Rhonda Martin and Phil Ramirez are vying for Place 3.

Frisco residents who live in Frisco ISD boundaries will also vote for Frisco ISD Trustee Place 6 and Trustee Place 7. Frisco residents who live outside of Frisco ISD boundaries will only vote for City Council Place 1 and Place 3. (View the sample ballots on page 3 of Focal Point.)

Early Voting

Early voting, by personal appearance, runs April 27 – May 5. There is no early voting on Sunday, May 3. Early voting hours are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Thursday, April 30 polls will remain open an additional two hours, closing at 7 p.m. On May 4 and May 5, hours will be extended from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voters may cast early ballots at the same early voting locations designated in recent elections:

- Frisco Fire Station #4, 4485 Cotton Gin
- Preston Ridge Campus, Collin County Community College, 9700 Wade Blvd.
- The Collin County Elections Office, 2010 Red Bud Blvd., Suite 102, in McKinney

In addition, City of Frisco and Frisco ISD registered voters may now vote at any of the early voting locations listed below. Collin County administers City of Frisco and Frisco ISD elections for all Frisco residents regardless of whether you live in Collin County or Denton County.

Election Day

Voters must cast ballots at their designated polling place, on Election Day only. Voters are encouraged to bring their voter registration cards.

CITY OF FRISCO ELECTION MAY 9, 2009 EARLY VOTING ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS Locales De Votación Tempranas Adicionales

POLLING PLACE	ADDRESS	CITY
Collin County Elections Office (Main Early Voting Location)	2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102	McKinney
Carpenter Park Recreation Center	6701 Coit Rd.	Plano
Christopher A. Parr Library	6200 Windhaven Pkwy.	Plano
CCCCD – Central Park Campus	2200 W. University Dr.	McKinney
CCCCD – Spring Creek Campus	2800 Spring Creek Pkwy.	Plano
CCCCD – Preston Ridge Campus	9700 Wade Blvd.	Frisco
Frisco Fire Station #4	4485 Cotton Gin Road	Frisco
Haggard Library	2501 Coit Road	Plano
Harrington Library	1501 18 th Street	Plano
McKinney Fire Station #5	6600 W. Virginia Pkwy.	McKinney
McKinney Performing Arts Center	111 N. Tennessee	McKinney
Murphy Municipal Complex	206 N. Murphy Road	Murphy
Plano ISD Administration Center	2700 West 15 th Street	Plano
Renner-Frankford Library	6400 Frankford Road	Dallas

The General Election will be held Saturday, May 9 from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. On Election Day, voters will cast ballots at three city precinct locations:

City Precinct 1: (Denton County Precincts 117, 119, 124, 131 and 137)

Pioneer Heritage Middle School, 1649 High Shoals Drive

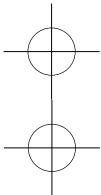
City Precinct 2: (Collin County Precincts 30, 92, 111)

Staley Middle School, 6927 Stadium Lane

City Precinct 3: (Collin County Precincts 87, 101, 117, 118, 127, 134 and 146)

Wester Middle School, 12293 Shepherds Hill Lane

For additional information, please contact the Office of the City Secretary at (972) 292-5010, or email jpage@friscotexas.gov. The sample ballot and other election information is also available on the city's Web site at www.friscotexas.gov/elections.





SAMPLE BALLOT (BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL) GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION (ELECCION GENERAL Y ESPECIAL) COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS (CONDADO DE COLLIN, TEXAS) MAY 9, 2009 (9 DE MAYO DEL 2009)	
To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice(s). Use pen or pencil. DO NOT ERASE. If you make a mistake you may request a new ballot. If your vote for a candidate or question is marked in such a manner that your intent is not clearly demonstrated, your vote for that office may not be counted. To protect the secrecy of your vote, do not put your name, initials, or any identifying mark on your official ballot.(Para votar, rellene completamente el óvalo a la izquierda de su(s) elección(es). Marque solamente utilizando la pluma o lápiz provisto. NO BORRE. Si comete un error, puede solicitar una nueva boleta electoral. Si su voto por un candidato o pregunta está marcado de tal manera que su intención no es claramente demostrable, su voto por ese cargo podría no ser contado. Para proteger el secreto del voto, no escriba su nombre, sus iniciales o cualquier marca distintiva en la boleta electoral oficial.)	
CITY OF FRISCO (CIUDAD DE FRISCO)	
CITY COUNCIL, PLACE 1 (VOTE FOR ONE OR NONE) (CONCEJO DE CIUDAD, LUGAR NO. 1) (VOTE POR UNO O NINGUNO) <input type="radio"/> HAROLD COLVIN <input type="radio"/> BOB ALLEN	
CITY COUNCIL, PLACE 3 (VOTE FOR ONE OR NONE) (CONCEJO DE CIUDAD, LUGAR NO. 3) (VOTE POR UNO O NINGUNO) <input type="radio"/> PAT FALLON <input type="radio"/> HUNT REIFSCHNEIDER <input type="radio"/> RHONDA MARTIN <input type="radio"/> PHIL RAMIREZ	

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FRISCO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE FRISCO)	
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TRUSTEE, PLACE 7 (VOTE FOR ONE OR NONE) (REGENTE, LUGAR NUMERO 7) (VOTE POR UNO O NINGUNO) <input type="radio"/> JOHN HOXIE <input type="radio"/> CINDY DEPAOLANTONIO	
CITY OF FRISCO (CIUDAD DE FRISCO)	
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CITY COUNCIL, PLACE 3 (VOTE FOR ONE OR NONE) (CONCEJO DE CIUDAD, LUGAR NO. 3) (VOTE POR UNO O NINGUNO) <input type="radio"/> PAT FALLON <input type="radio"/> HUNT REIFSCHNEIDER <input type="radio"/> RHONDA MARTIN <input type="radio"/> PHIL RAMIREZ	



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Frisco Fire Department honors staff for outstanding service

On April 3, the Frisco Fire Department Annual Awards Ceremony was held in the City Council Chambers of the George A. Purefoy Municipal Building. The following individuals were honored for their service in 2008:

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR:
Phillip Burr

PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR:
Kyle Parsons

OFFICE OF THE YEAR:
Lt. Gordon Holbrook

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:
Aaron Shepherd

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR:
Blake Cline

CHIEF'S AWARD:
Erik Jackson

CFAA (CITIZEN'S FIRE ACADEMY ALUMNI)



Five of the newest Frisco Firefighters were sworn into service on April 3. Pictured left to right... Clay Jones, Ryan Hutt, Jeff Gallagher, Coby Edwards and Dan Cote

RECOGNITION:
John Bryson

AWARDS COMMITTEE SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Stan Putter, Strategic Analyst

The ceremony also included the badge pinning for five new firefighters. In front of their families and

fellow firefighters, Dan Cote, Coby Edwards, Jeff Gallagher, Ryan Hutt and Clay Jones received their badges and were officially sworn in to serve Frisco.

LIBRARY

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write a resume, start a business, fix the deck, or change the oil in the car – all those kinds of books are flying off the shelves right now.”

The library director also encourages patrons to use the librarians as a resource. Holley points out that the staff, or “knowledge navigators” as she calls them, do much more than shelve books. “Most people don’t understand that librarians have Masters Degrees and are highly trained,” said Holley. “Our staff can assist you in a search of the “Deep Web” to find highly credible research about business, or any topic you are interested in.”

The Frisco Public Library staff is also trained to teach computer curriculum, including the Microsoft Office suite. Free classes draw large numbers to the library’s computer lab. “We have people taking our classes who have to go back to work because they are retirees with 401k’s that are no longer satisfactory, or parents who are having to find a job after a long hiatus from working outside of the home. These classes are helping them bring their computer skills up to a level that will allow them better success in rejoining the workforce.”

On April 30 patrons are invited to

bring their resume in for a reality check. A career coach will present “Power up Your Resume,” a free seminar, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Vivian McCallum Room on the fourth floor. The library is housed inside the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, located at 6101 Frisco Square Boulevard.

Beyond brushing up on career skills, another surge in library visits has evolved from the need for quality entertainment that fits into the family budget. “The library has become a location for inexpensive family time, whether it’s coming to Storytimes or checking out videos,” said Holley.

“It’s (the library) been a great resource especially since my husband was laid off about a year ago,” said Little Elm resident Emily Watson. Watson’s husband has since started his own business, but she and her two-year-old daughter Lily still come to the Frisco Public Library once a week for the Toddler Storytime. “My daughter’s learning something new every time we come here,” said Watson.

For a thorough look at all the programs, classes and a variety of resources the Frisco Public Library has to offer, go online to FriscoLibrary.com or call 972-292-KNOW (5669). A new feature on the home page is the “Job Resources” icon. Click it to link to several Web sites that can assist job hunters.



Cost of reading to your child at the Frisco Public Library: \$0. Building lasting memories: priceless. Emily Watson of Little Elm spends some quality time with two-year-old daughter, Lily, in the Frisco Public Library’s 2nd floor children’s area. Each month, hundreds of parents bring their children to the library’s free Storytime programs or to simply check out books. All of the library’s children’s programming is free. For a schedule of events go online to FriscoLibrary.com.

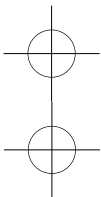
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On the meeting agenda page, choose the date of the council meeting you want to view. Live city council meetings air the first and third Tuesdays of the month beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.





Score one for the environment...



Members of the Frisco Ice Hockey Association recently helped keep Frisco beautiful by volunteering to clean up litter

along a stretch of Avenue of the Stars and Seei Circle through the Adopt-a-Street program. The Frisco Adopt-a-Street program pro-

vides families, civic organizations and other groups an opportunity to help beautify their community.

When you adopt a street you

agree to maintain a two-mile stretch of a Frisco roadway for one year. You must commit to doing a clean up session at least

four times per year. To learn more please contact Frisco's Environmental Services at 972-292-5900.

WATER

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wisely versus conservation efforts. From now on, Frisco residents will need to add 'adjust sprinkler system' to their list of 'to do's' for DST.

"When lakes are full, it's tough to get people to conserve water," said Hartwell. "By implementing a year-round Water Efficiency Plan, we hope to alleviate any confusion about 'when to water' and encourage residents to automatically change their outdoor watering habits during Daylight Saving Time, just like they change their clocks and smoke detector batteries."

First-time violators will receive a red door-hanger alerting them to expect a \$25 fee on their next water bill. However, that \$25 fee will be waived or credited on a water bill if the resident contacts the city's licensed irrigator for a free, irrigation 'check up' within 30 days. Additional violations may result in additional fees and disconnection of the resident's sprinkler system.

The City of Frisco's revised plan is based

on the model water conservation and drought contingency plans adopted by the Board of Directors of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) and all the requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Frisco is a member city of NTMWD. State law requires all cities to adopt and/or update their water conservation and drought contingency plans by May 1, 2009.

"We want to change the way people think about water," said Hartwell. "It's all about reducing the water we waste; it's not about reducing what we need."

LEARN HOW TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHIER LANDSCAPE

The City of Frisco's new Water Management Plan is designed to encourage residents to improve their water efficiency. Irrigation systems are one of the biggest sources of water waste. City of Frisco irrigation specialist Mike Barth can determine how well a resident's sprinkler system is operating. Make sure you are not wasting water. Sign up for a free irrigation check up. Email mbarth@friscotexas.gov or call 972-292-5844 to schedule an appointment.





Summary of City of Frisco Water Management Plan

The new Water Management Plan adopted by the Frisco City Council on April 7, 2009 is divided into two sections: the Water Efficiency Plan and the Drought and Emergency Response Plan.

Water Efficiency Plan

The Water Efficiency Plan was developed to reduce the annual waste of water. The following outdoor watering requirements are enforced year-round:

- No watering of impervious surfaces like streets, parking lots, alleys, driveways, etc.
- No watering during precipitation or at temperatures below 40 F.
- No water runoff flowing away from property.

SPRING AND SUMMER WATERING SCHEDULE (DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME)

The city recommends the following twice per week outdoor watering schedule based on your residential trash day plus one additional day. Non-residential customer watering days are based on location within the residential trash day zones (See water days map below).

- The schedule above becomes mandatory in JULY, AUGUST and SEPTEMBER.
- Outdoor watering during Daylight Saving Time is prohibited from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.
- Hand-held hoses, soaker hoses, and drip/bubbler systems are permitted at anytime.
- Landscaping associated with new construction may be watered as necessary for 30 days from the time of installation. City approval is required.
- Registered and properly operating smart controllers may irrigate without watering day restrictions, but not more than once every five days. Check the city's website at www.friscotexas.gov/water for information about the Smart Controller Program.
- Home car-washing is permitted at anytime with the use of a shut-off spray nozzle.
- Normal use and maintenance of swimming pools are permitted.

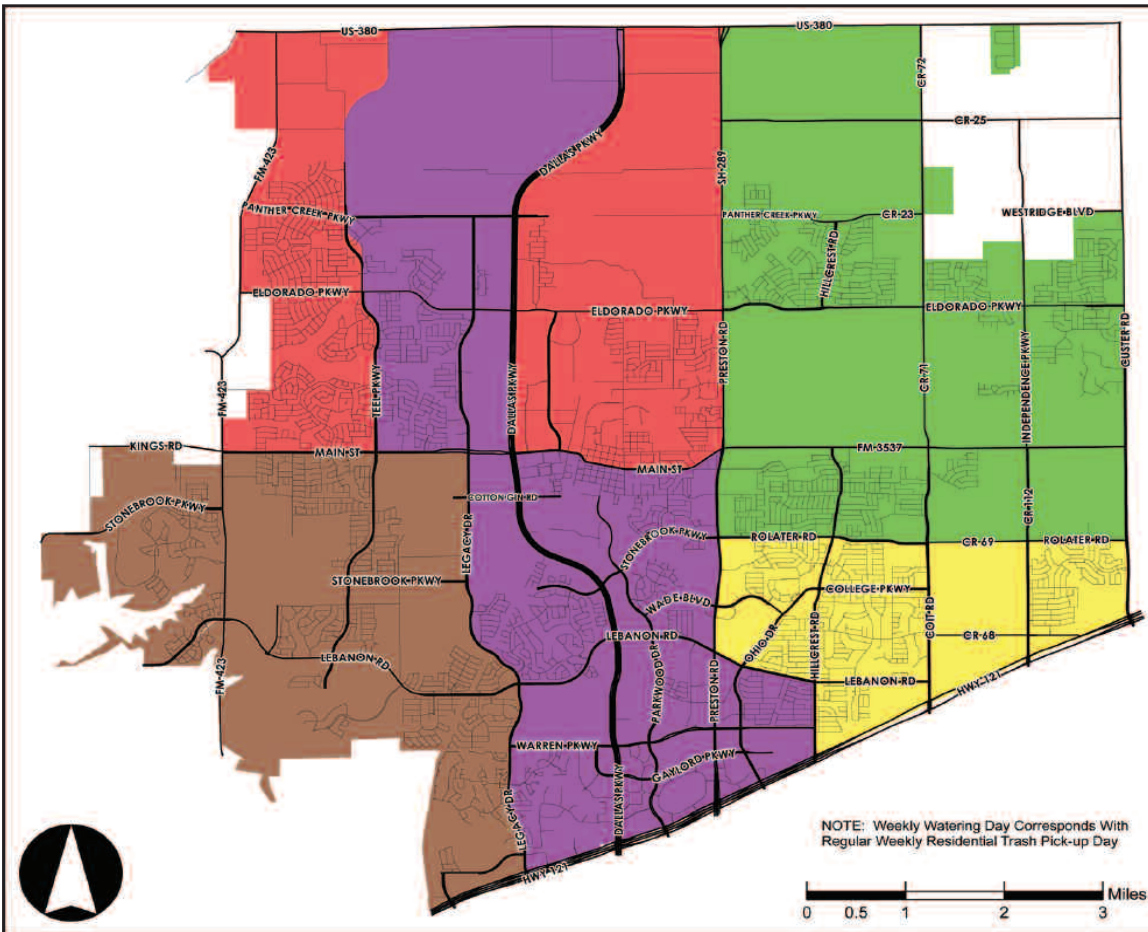


EXHIBIT B City of Frisco Weekly Watering Day Location Map

February, 2009



Legend

- Streets**
- Major Roads
 - Minor Roads

Weekly Watering Day Locations

Primary Day	Additional Day during Daylight Savings Time
Monday	Thursday
Tuesday	Saturday
Wednesday	Saturday
Thursday	Sunday
Friday	Tuesday

Residential Trash Day	Additional Watering Day
MONDAY	THURSDAY
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
THURSDAY	SUNDAY
FRIDAY	TUESDAY

FALL AND WINTER WATERING SCHEDULE (CENTRAL STANDARD TIME)

The city recommends the following guidelines:

- Avoid outdoor watering from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.
- Once per week outdoor watering, if necessary, based on your residential trash day.
- Hand-held hoses, soaker hoses, and drip/bubbler systems are permitted at anytime.
- Avoid planting cool season grasses.

YEAR-ROUND ENFORCEMENT

- Residents are encouraged to report water waste. Contact the Public Works Department by phone (972-292-5800) or email (publicworks@friscotexas.gov).
- Violations will be documented by city staff using time-stamped electronic photographs and filed

for review.

- First-time violations will receive a RED door-hanger with a \$25 administrative fee included on the next available water bill. This fee will be waived with the completion of a free irrigation check-up within 30 days. Call the city's licensed irrigator at 972-292-5844 to schedule the check-up.

- Additional violations can include monetary penalties and disconnection of sprinkler systems.

Drought & Emergency Response Plan

The purpose of the Drought and Emergency Response Plan is to conserve the available water supply in times of drought and emergencies. This plan was developed in consultation with the North Texas Municipal Water District focusing on reservoir capacity and water supply issues.

STAGE 1: Voluntary Restrictions

Primary triggers - Lake Lavon and Lake Chapman below 65% capacity

STAGE 2: Mandatory Restrictions

Primary triggers - Lake Lavon and Lake Chapman below 55% capacity

Watering permitted two days per week

STAGE 3: Mandatory Restrictions

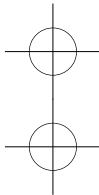
Primary triggers - Lake Lavon and Lake Chapman below 45% capacity

Watering permitted one day per week

STAGE 4: Mandatory Restrictions

Primary triggers - Lake Lavon and Lake Chapman below 35% capacity

No outdoor watering





HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

May 4

- Frisco Public Arts Board Meeting, Conference Room 5A, 6:30 p.m.

May 5

- Downtown Advisory Board, 5th Floor Conference Room, 12 p.m.
- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

May 11

- Frisco Square Municipal Management District Meeting, Conference Rm. 3A, 4:30 p.m.

May 12

- Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.

May 13

- Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB), TBD, 12 p.m.
- Housing Trust Fund, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

May 14

- Parks and Recreation Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

May 19

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

May 20

- Economic Development Corp. Board of Directors Meeting (EDC), 6801 Gaylord Pkwy., 6 p.m.

May 21

- Arts of Collin County (ACC), City of Allen 4 p.m.
- Community Development Corporation (CDC) Meeting, Conference Room 3A, 6:30 p.m.

May 26

- Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.
- Heritage Association, Heritage Museum, 6455 Page St., 7 p.m.

May 27

- Urban Forestry Board, 6726 Walnut St., 6:30 p.m.

May 28

- North Texas Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown St., Wylie, TX 4 p.m.
- Frisco Public Library Foundation Board Meeting, Library Programming Rm., 6:45 p.m.

Frisco Heritage Museum celebrates first anniversary; invites residents to share their stories

TRE COLVIN

MUSEUM PROJECT COORDINATOR

The Frisco Heritage Museum is celebrating its first anniversary at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, with a traditional offering of birthday cake, popcorn, and soft drinks. As part of the celebration, everyone is encouraged to participate in recording their individual or family histories for inclusion in the museum's oral history collection.

Inspired by KERA's "InBox" and the National Oral History Project's "StoryCorps," the Frisco Heritage Museum is launching a home-grown initiative to collect the stories of Frisco residents, especially those who have moved to Frisco since the 2000 United States Census. Individuals and families are invited to record their interviews or comments beginning at the museum's anniversary celebration and continuing through each Saturday and Sunday in May from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum, located at 6455 Page St.

"The stories and activities of today are a part of Frisco's history and heritage collection for tomorrow," said Shelley Holley, Frisco Public Library Director. "Participants will get to share their stories for the benefit of future generations of Frisco residents."

Frisco's population included 6,138 residents in 1990, but by the United States Census in 2000 the population had grown to 33,714. Today, the population has soared to more than 102,000 residents, which means that more than two-thirds

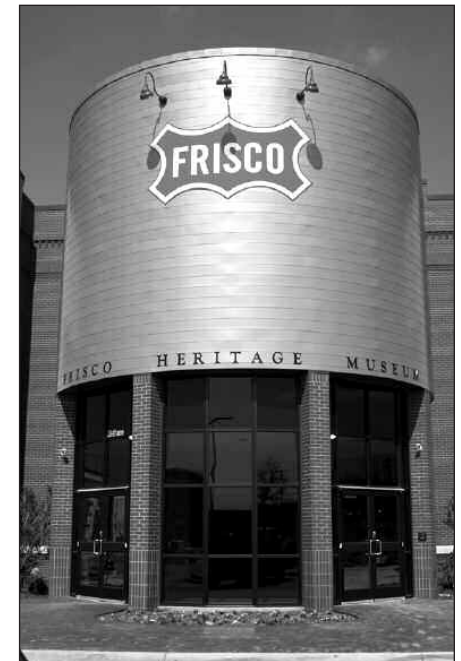


Be a part of Frisco's history... residents are invited to record their thoughts on the city's boom years beginning at the Frisco Heritage Museum's anniversary celebration on May 2 and continuing through each Saturday and Sunday in May from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum, located at 6455 Page St., southwest of the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center.

of the people currently living within Frisco's corporate limits moved to the city within the last 10 years.

"Recording the history of these relative newcomers to the community is a great opportunity to bridge Frisco's earliest history, which is highlighted throughout the Frisco Heritage Museum, with the city's most recent history," said Tre Colvin, museum project coordinator.

The StoryCorps Project is an independent, nonprofit initiative that began in 2003 with the mission to encourage Americans to share their stories with others. Today, it has grown to become the

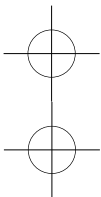


largest American oral history project ever created of this nature. More than 10,000 interviews have been collected to date. For more information, see the StoryCorps Project website at <http://www.storycorps.net/>.

"Inbox" is an ongoing collection of short features created by KERA, public broadcasting for North Texas, which allows participants to offer their viewpoints and record comments to intriguing questions covering a range of issues.

COMING NEXT MONTH FRISCO FREEDOM FEST INFO

Find out what's in store for Frisco's annual Independence Day celebration. Frisco Freedom Fest returns Saturday, July 4 with festival favorites like Party in the Plaza, Taste of Frisco and a Texas-sized fireworks display. Look for more information in the June edition of Focal Point.





New storm water utility fee to take effect in summer

Frisco will begin collecting a monthly fee designed to help prevent flooding, protect creeks and reduce erosion. Beginning this summer, residents and businesses will see the new Storm Water Utility Fee on their water bills.

"By imposing a storm water utility fee to help protect our creeks, the fee ultimately helps preserve our drinking water supply," said Elizabeth Metting, Assistant Director, Engineering Services. "Our creeks feed area lakes, which are our sources for drinking water. The fewer pollutants we put into our creeks, the fewer pollutants we'll have to treat and remove from our water before it's safe to drink."

The Frisco City Council adopted the fee in January of this year in order to address state mandated storm water regulations. The new fee is based on average lot sizes and the lots' structures. The average resident living in a house will be billed \$2 more each month to cover the Storm Water Utility Fee.

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

MONTHLY FEE	LOT SIZE
\$1.20	< 5,000 sq. ft.
\$2.00	5,000 – 20,000 sq. ft.
\$3.85	> 20,000 sq. ft.

*Properties other than single family homes will be billed \$0.57 per 1000 sq. feet

Using Geographical Information Technology (GIS), city staff compared approximately 20,000 properties to determine the 'average' lot size and develop the tiered fee structure.

The collected fees will cover the costs of staff, equipment, regulatory fees and public education efforts as part of the City of Frisco's Storm Water Management Program. Specifically, the new fee will be used to support a drainage crew, charged with maintaining and cleaning the city's storm water system.

"Having a drainage crew on staff will allow us to be more proactive," said Metting. "Currently, we may not realize a storm drain is clogged until we're called by a citizen – or we discover the problem in the form of flooding. A drainage crew will allow us to regularly clear storm drains of silt, trash and debris before a problem happens," added Metting.

Metting says preventing erosion will also help prevent flooding and thus, protect property values. She adds, protecting our creeks also helps protect the water source for wildlife. City engineers will also use the fees to develop a Storm Water Master Plan, which will help engineers clearly identify areas that could potentially flood.

"Such information will help us prevent flood-plains from developing" said Metting.

For more information about Frisco's new Storm Water Utility Fee, contact Engineering Services at 972-292-5400.



Have you had a good time at Safety Town yet?

Come be a part of the FUN!

Join our staff of Summer Jr. Volunteers!!

We are now accepting applications for Summer 2009



Duties: Assist with fun, hands-on Safety Education Tours & Safety Education Classes for elementary aged children at our one-of-a-kind facility.

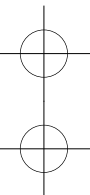
Requirements: Minimum age 15 (by June 1st). Our volunteers must be able to commit to a weekly schedule and must be able to speak in front of an audience. Self-motivated, high energy individuals fit our roles perfectly.

How do I register or get more information?

Contact Jennifer Tramel JTRAMEL@FRISCOFIRE.COM

Also see our website at: www.friscotexas.gov/safetytown

Click on the Volunteers Tab-scroll down for registration link





B.F. Phillips park dedication reveals piece of Frisco's past

Those attending the B.F. Phillips Community Park dedication on Saturday, April 4 heard more than the usual "thank you's" spoken at such ceremonies. They also heard some of the history of the land from the son of B.F. Phillips, Jr., Mike Phillips.

Phillips shared details of his father's love for

show horses and what was once the family's 1,600-acre ranch in west Frisco, located in the area of the current-day intersection of Teel Parkway and Lebanon Road. The park's horseracing theme is a connection to the land's past. Beginning in the 1950's the land was used to breed Quarter Horses bearing the ranch's "Lazy P" brand. About 20 family members and family friends were present for the dedication and to see the park first-hand.

Mayor Maher Maso greeted the crowd by asking them to be still for a moment and to listen to the children laughing and playing from the ball fields and playground. He then remarked, "What a beautiful sound."

B.F. Phillips Community Park is located at 3335 4th Army Memorial and features a five-field baseball and softball complex, soccer fields, a playground system, and concession facility. For more information on City of Frisco parks, go online to FriscoFun.org/parks.



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Of course, this brings me to two volunteers who deserve recognition as they reach their term limits as elected, volunteer members of the Frisco City Council. Mayor Pro Tem Tony Felker and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Joy West have served our community tirelessly through the years.

Tony has served Frisco for many, many years as a volunteer though he was first elected to the Frisco City Council in 2003. Before that, he was a small business owner, member of the Frisco Chamber of Commerce and served on our 2002 Bond Committee. Tony has always been a community advocate. I remember seeing him address our City Council on a regular basis. He has been a champion of 'small business'. Tony never hesitates to volunteer, and as the Mayor Pro Tem, he has filled in for me whenever needed.

Joy has served our community since 1998 when she was appointed to our city's Parks and Recreation Board and

served four years. She was elected in 2001 and is currently our longest serving Council member. She has championed causes involving our youth, such as drug awareness. She also was instrumental in bringing FC Dallas to Frisco.

Together, Tony and Joy have helped lead our city during some of our busiest years for development. They've supported and celebrated the grand openings of our Senior Center, Public Works facility, Frisco Conference Center, Police Station, Central Fire Station and three sub stations, George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, Frisco Athletic Center, Frisco Heritage Museum as well as the Dr Pepper Ballpark, Dr Pepper Star Center, Pizza Hut Park and Fieldhouse USA.

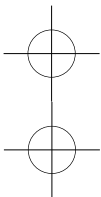
Please join me in thanking Tony and Joy for their many years of service, past and present. Many people don't realize our council members are volunteers – not paid representatives. We owe them a great amount of gratitude for the hundreds of hours they served our community whether they were attending council meetings and various other committee meetings, listening to citizens concerns or representing Frisco at special events. Regardless of what the setting, be

assured Tony and Joy were always selling someone on 'Frisco'. I'm also very confident their retirement from the Frisco City Council won't stop them from bragging about Frisco. They each have a driven spirit and passion for our community and have inspired others to 'step up and volunteer' to do the same.

April marked National Volunteer Month and our city celebrated the dedication of our city volunteer force, some 800 plus strong, during our second annual Municipal Volunteer Program and Boards and Commissions Appreciation Reception. Again, as we celebrate the contributions of our volunteers, please don't forget to extend a special thanks to two of our most notable volunteers. Tony and Joy, you helped put the "Progress" in "Progress in Motion".

For information on how you can become a City of Frisco volunteer, go online to friscotexas.gov/volunteer.

**Regards,
Mayor Maher Maso**





Have fun in the sun with Frisco Parks & Recreation



There's no chance you and the kids will be bored this summer. Go online to FriscoFun.org to check out all our parks and recreation department has to offer including a complete listing of parks and trails.

Outdoor Aquatic Center at the Frisco Athletic Center

5828 Nancy Jane Ln.

Hours of Operation

Monday through Saturday: 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Dates of Operation

May 23 – 25

May 30 – 31

June 6 – August 23

August 29 – 30

September 5 – 7

The month of May marks the start of the summer pool season. Our mini-water park is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. See listing above for specific dates of operation. The price of admission is included with a membership to the Frisco Athletic Center. Non-members may purchase a day pass: Youth - \$6; Adults - \$8.

Food and drinks are allowed (no alcohol or glass containers) in the Outdoor Aquatic Center, so grab your swimsuits and coolers and come spend the day. Park features include:

The Pipeline

This slide is enclosed and fast moving. Hold on for a fast moving thrill-filled slide. Riders must be 48" tall to ride.

The Green Gusher

The second of our outdoor slides, this slide is open to the outside and ready to take you on an exciting ride. Riders must be 48" tall to ride.

The Rant 'N Wave

Take a relaxing float down our meandering river. Hold on, because with one slap of a target, this river becomes a little crazy!

The Lagoon

This large body of water is designed for relaxation and fun.

The Squirtin' Station featuring the 'Gully Washer'

Young children will never want to leave this area. This large interactive play structure is especially designed for young children with two

water slides and multiple spray features. Also found in this area is a large water tower we call the 'Gully Washer'. When the whistle blows, this element will dump its fill and drench all those standing underneath it.

Splash Parks

Shepherds Glen Park

12012 Shepherds Hill Drive

and J.R. Newman Park

8211 Twin Falls Drive

Hours of Operation

Daily: 10 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Both splash parks feature interactive spray grounds for children and are FREE to use. Shepherds Glen Park is located on the east side of town northwest of the Rolater Road – Coit Road intersection. J.R. Newman Park is located on the west side of town adjacent to Sparks Elementary School. The spray grounds in each of these parks open Memorial Day weekend.



On Deck Circle at Harold Bacchus Park

13995 FM 3537 (west of Independence Parkway)

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday: 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday: closed

Call 972-292-6600 for rules and reservation information
The "On Deck



Circle" is a quality baseball/softball training area. It is located adjacent to the Harold Bacchus Park's baseball/softball five-plex and includes four batting cages capable of pitching both baseballs and softballs at various speeds.

In addition to the batting cages, the training area includes four tunnels complete with nets, which make this area perfect for soft toss, live pitching and batting opportunities, and personal instruction.

The batting cages are token based. Tokens can be purchased on-site via a token machine. One token costs \$1, which provides the batter with 15 pitches. The token machine accepts \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills.

The tunnels are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis, unless the tunnels have been reserved by another party.

Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age. For more information about the "On Deck Circle" please visit the Frisco Parks & Recreation Web site at www.FriscoFun.org.

Rockin' time planned for Battle of the Bands competition



The City of Frisco Parks & Recreation Department is partnering with the Mayor's Youth Council to host their first ever Battle of the Bands competition. The event will be held Friday, May 29 from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. at the Frisco Athletic Center's outdoor aquatic area.

Frisco ISD high school students and their friends are invited to come out for an evening of rockin' music, swimming, food and fun! The crowd will vote on the winner. The crowd's top choice will receive the grand prize and the title 'Battle of the Bands Champion'.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 in advance for FISD students with a student ID. Advance tickets may only be purchased at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Ln. General admission tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased at the Frisco Athletic Center, online at FriscoFun.org, or at the door. Tickets are limited. All ages are welcome to attend, but children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

For ticket information, visit FriscoFun.org or contact Kari FitzPatrick at 972-292-6628 or Kfitzpatrick@FriscoTexas.gov.

Summer Frisco Fun Guide available soon

Get your kids ready for the summer with camps and classes offered through the Parks & Recreation Department. The summer edition of the Frisco Fun Activity Guide will be available to preview online beginning Monday, April 27 at FriscoFun.org.

Registration for summer camps and classes will begin May 4 for members of the Frisco Athletic Center and May 6 for all others. A copy of the activity guide will be mailed to Frisco Athletic Center members and to those who have participated in a class within the last year. If you do not receive a copy of the Fun Guide in the mail, you may pick one up at the following locations:

- Frisco Public Library, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.
- Frisco Chamber of Commerce, 6843 Main St.
- The Parks & Recreation Administration Building, 6726 Walnut
- The Frisco Athletic Center, 5828 Nancy Jane Ln.

The Frisco Fun Activity Guide is filled with information on camps, classes, and special events offered through the Parks & Recreation Department. Registration is available online at FriscoFun.org or in person at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Lane, during regular hours of operation.

Lifeguard positions available at the Frisco Athletic Center

Looking for a great part-time job this summer? The Frisco Athletic Center is looking for enthusiastic individuals to become part of our team as Water Safety Instructors. These instructors will teach young children to swim and educate them on water safety in and around the pool.

Not certified as a lifeguard yet? Not a problem. We offer lifeguarding classes through the Parks & Recreation Department. To get started on your certification just log on to FriscoFun.org to find a schedule of classes.

Those already certified can go online to read the full job description at FriscoTexas.gov. Click on 'Employment' on the red menu bar. Then choose 'Current Openings' from the left-side menu on the Human Resources page to apply online.

Cold hands, warm hearts at this year's Easter Eggstravaganza



An unusual guest made a chilling appearance at the 17th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza. Old Man Winter blew into Frisco Saturday, March 28. The cold snap did not stop the Easter Bunny from delivering more than 60,000 eggs to the fields at Pizza Hut Park. Heavy coats and gloves made it a little more challenging to pick up the Easter eggs this year, but the hard work paid off when girls and boys filled their baskets to the brim with treats.

Thank you!

The Parks & Recreation Department would like to thank the Sponsors of the 2009 Easter Eggstravaganza!



LEBANON Ridge

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Egg-cellent Aqua Adventure

On Saturday, April 4, Frisco children learned you do not have to be on dry land to have a successful egg hunt. The Aqua Egg Hunt at the Frisco Athletic Center indoor pool area proved it is twice the fun when you add some splash-splash to your dash to collect colorful plastic eggs. Instead of Easter baskets, participants used mesh bags like fishing nets to hold their catch of the day. The little egg hunters waded through the children's play area, while bigger kids swam after the hundreds of eggs floating on the water.

